CA 4 ON HBL Q34
87 C57

URBAN/MUNICIPAL

CORKTOWN STINSON

ONTARIO NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

URBAN MUNICIPAL
JUN 15 1987
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

CORKTOWN STINSON (O.N.I.P.)

ONTARIO NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CORKTOWN STINSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

THE CORKTOWN STINSON NEIGHBOURHOOD IS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 180 HECTARES (445 ACRES) WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF 10,577 (1985 LAND USE CHARACTERISTICS). ITS BOUNDARIES ARE ON THE NORTH BY MAIN STREET EAST; ON THE EAST BY WENTWORTH STREET; ON THE SOUTH BY THE BASE OF THE ESCARPMENT; AND, ON THE WEST OF JOHN STREET. THE CORKTOWN STINSON NEIGHBOURHOOD ABUTTS THE DOWNTOWN CORE REDEVELOPMENT AREA OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON, BY-LAW #83-242. (ATTACHED)

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTAINS A NUMBER OF AREAS OF DIFFERENT LAND USES, INCLUDING LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND PARK LAND.

HOUSING, TOO, IS MIXED WITH SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, MULTI-UNIT HOUSES, LOW AND HIGH RISE DWELLINGS. MOST HOMES HAVE ON-STREET PARKING, THUS THIS IS AN AREA OF CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS. THE HOUSES WERE DEVELOPED STARTING AFTER 1920 AND STILL REMAIN STRUCTURALLY SOUND BUT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR.

COMMERCIAL USES ARE SITUATED ON JOHN STREET AND MAIN STREET, WHICH ARE ARTERIAL ROADS AS IS VICTORIA, WELLINGTON AND WENTWORTH STREETS. THERE ARE OTHER SMALLER COMMERCIAL AREAS LOCATED ON AUGUSTA, HUNTER, JACKSON AND YOUNG STREETS. FERGUSON AVENUE HOUSES SOME LIGHT INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS.

THERE ARE TWO SCHOOLS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL AND STINSON SCHOOL, BOTH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, HAVE DECREASED ENROLLMENT OVER THE PAST YEARS. A MIXTURE OF SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH PARTICIPATION FROM PARENTS, THE KIWANIS CLUB

AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. BOTH SCHOOLS HAVE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT SINCE LITTLE IS PROVIDED ON THE OPEN SCHOOL GROUNDS.

PARKLAND IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA BUT IS IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT, AS IS CARTER PARK (PRIORITY ONE PARK), WOLVERTON PLAYGROUND, CORKTOWN PARK (PRIORITY ONE PARK) AND HUNTER STREET PARKETTE. THERE ARE GENERALLY NO CONSTRUCTED AREAS FOR ACTIVE OR PASSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION SUCH AS BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, TENNIS, SKATING, OR PICNIC, GRASSY AREAS WITH BENCHES. CENTRAL MEMORIAL CENTRE, LOCATED ACROSS FROM CARTER PARK ON STINSON STREET WOULD REQUIRE COMPLETE RENEWAL OF THE FACILITY.

THE CORKTOWN STINSON NEIGHBOURHOOD IS A VARIED RESIDENTIAL AREA IN NEED OF UPGRADING FOR ITS SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

THE PROVISION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES IS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS OF THE AREA AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THESE SERVICES INCLUDE PARKS, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS.

PARKLAND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SPONTANEOUS AND PROGRAMMED FORMS OF RECREATION FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. IT IS DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE PARKLAND WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF ALL RESIDENTS.

INSTITUTIONAL USES SERVE AS FOCAL POINTS FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

A) GOAL
B) OBJECTIVES
C) ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES

GOAL I

A HIGH QUALITY OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SUCH AS PARKS, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE AREA RESIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

OBJECTIVE 1

TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD ORIENTED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

ACTION

1. CARTER PARK WILL BE REDEVELOPED WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO PROVIDING RECREATIONAL ITEMS, LANDSCAPING, STORAGE FACILITIES AND LIGHTING.

2. CORKTOWN PARK WILL BE DEVELOPED AS OPEN SPACE WHICH WILL PERMIT SOME FORMS OF RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, I.E. PLAY AREA, SITTING AREA, AND GREEN SPACE WITH LIGHTING AS WELL AS SIGNAGE FOR THE PARK.

3. OPEN SPACE NEAR RAILWAY LINES BETWEEN FERGUSON AND WALNUT STREETS WILL BE DEVELOPED AS OPEN SPACE (I.E. PATHWAY, BIKEWAY, SITTING AREA, LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING) AND AS A CREATIVE PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN, I.E. IN CORNER.

4. HUNTER STREET PARKETTE WILL BE DEVELOPED WITH LANDSCAPING, BENCHES, PICNIC AREA, SHADING, PLAY STRUCTURE, FENCING TO DIVIDE THE ALLEY FROM THE PARK AND SIGNAGE.

5. Playgrounds and landscaping will be provided at Stinson and Queen Victoria Schools.

6. Wolverton Park will be redeveloped to include landscaping, benches, picnic tables, a ramp access, toddler play area, signage, and cosmetic improvements to the hut.

7. Central Memorial Recreation Centre will be improved to include upgrading of exterior signage, appearance and possible extension of facilities, i.e. tennis.

Objective 2

Pathways and passive areas will be established to provide attractive and convenient areas for walking and sitting.

Action

1. Open space near the railway lines between Ferguson Avenue and Walnut Streets will be developed with a lit pathway to serve as a link between the two streets.

2. In addition to the pathway, a sitting area, flower beds and other "passive" recreational facilities may be established.

Goal II

Roads and sidewalks should provide ready, safe vehicular and pedestrian access throughout the neighbourhood.

Objective 1

Provide a solution to the traffic problem in the neighbourhood.

Action

1. Recommend that the traffic situation be reviewed and solutions be implemented as identified.

OBJECTIVE 2

IMPROVE HARD SERVICES IN THE AREA SO THAT THEY REFLECT AT LEAST THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF APPEARANCES AND REPAIR.

ACTION

1. WORK IN CO-ORDINATION WITH THE REGIONAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, THE CITY AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES PRESENTLY LACKING IN THE AREA INCLUDING ROADS, SIDEWALKS, ETC.

2. LIGHTING OF UNDERPASSES, PATHWAYS AND AREAS NEAR THE RAILWAY LINES WILL BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

OBJECTIVE 3

ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF SIDEWALKS.

ACTION

1. THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVELY ENFORCE THE (SNOW REMOVAL) STREETS BY-LAW (9329)

GOAL III

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY SHOULD REFLECT A COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY STANDARDS.

OBJECTIVE 1

ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS AND SAFETY OF ALL PROPERTY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

ACTION

1. THAT THE CITY OF HAMILTON ACTIVELY ENFORCE THE PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW (74-74), FOR ALL PROPERTIES IN THE AREA AND THIS ENFORCEMENT BE TEMPERED WITH ENCOURAGEMENT, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

2. That the Department of Community Development provide information regarding its rehabilitation programs and carry out the implementation of such.

3. That selected residential dwellings which are deemed to be beyond a reasonable level of economic rehabilitation in consideration of the City of Hamilton's Property Standards By-Law (74-74), be considered for purchase under the provisions of the legislation governing the O.N.I.P. Any such properties will be cleared for open space, parkland, parking, within the designated O.N.I.P.

Objective 3

Reduce the amount of crime and vandalism in the Corktown Stinson Neighbourhood.

Action

1. Work with the relevant agencies and departments to ensure all available programs are utilized to decrease the degree of crime and vandalism in the area.

Goal IV

To ensure the continued residential viability of the neighbourhood and its philosophy.

Objective 1

That the Corktown Stinson O.N.I.P. Citizen's Advisory Committee continue to work together as a collective representative of the area, now and once the O.N.I.P. has been completed.

Action

1. Develop a philosophy for the neighbourhood.

2. Hold regular monthly meetings, Bi-monthly meetings if deemed as necessary.

3. WORK TOGETHER AS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLE FUTURE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
4. ACT ON BEHALF OF THE AREA IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE CITY OF HAMILTON, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH REGION OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
5. FORM AN ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

OBJECTIVE 2

DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CORKTOWN STINSON AREA.

ACTION

1. REQUEST THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO ASSIGN THE CORKTOWN STINSON AREA AS THE NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY AREA AND THAT THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BE DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR CORKTOWN STINSON.

DUE TANE
3 1280

HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 2022 21335721 9